

## **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested. By this amendment, new claims 7 and 8 are added; claims 1-8 are now pending in the application.

In the Office Action of February 27, 2008, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hino et al. (US 7,237,029) in view of Okada et al. (US 2003/0229894). This rejection is inapplicable to claims 1-6, and inapplicable to new claims 7 and 8, for the reasons given below. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Amended claims 1 and 4 set forth an apparatus and a method, respectively, for displaying at least one image from a recording medium via a TV receiver and for controlling the TV receiver via a remote controller.

As recited in claim 1, the TV receiver has a media control means for forming a display image list, based on image information from the recording medium, when detecting insertion of the recording medium. A first display-image-list storage means stores the display image list, and a first display means displays at least one of the image and image information in the TV receiver. The TV receiver has a first control means for transmitting the display image list and the image stored in the recording medium to the remote controller, and for, when receiving control information from the remote controller, outputting at least one of the image and image information from the recording medium to the first display means based on the control information and the display image list stored in the first display-image-list storage means.

The remote controller has a second display-image-list storage means for storing the display image list, and a second display means for displaying at least one of the image and image information. A second control means in the remote controller is for making the second display-image-list storage means store the display image list when receiving the display image list from the TV receiver, for transmitting the control information to the TV receiver when receiving control information from a user, and for outputting at least one of the image and image information received from the TV receiver to the second display means based on the control information and the display image list stored in the second display-image-list storage means.

So, the present invention comprises a remote controller and a TV receiver that interact to access information from the recording medium. Conversely, Hino et al. teach a remote

controller which allows obtaining status information, sending commands to, and receiving output from an appliance, so that the operation of the appliance from a distance feels similar to the operation done at home (see column 9, first paragraph). The Applicant respectfully submits that Hino et al. does *not* teach the following specific limitations recited in claim 1. (The discussion below references arguments in the Office Action, and references the specification and drawings of Hino et al.)

I. “[A] media control means for forming a display image list, *based on image information from the recording medium*, when detecting insertion of the recording medium into the media insertion means....” (italics added for emphasis)

The control commands in drawing Figure 78 are cited as teaching this limitation. Figure 78 does not teach that the control commands are lists formed based on image information from a recording medium in one of the home appliances. The description of Figure 78 in column 24, third paragraph, of the specification also contains no teaching of a media control means for forming a display image list based on image information from a recording medium. Further, this limitation is not taught in any other part of the reference either. Thus, Hino et al. does not teach this limitation.

II. “[A] first control means for transmitting *the display image list and the image stored in the recording medium* to the remote controller....” (italics added for emphasis)

The Remote Control Terminal in drawing Figure 78 is cited as teaching this limitation. Figure 78 does not teach that the Remote Control Terminal transmits a list based on image information from a recording medium (the display image list) and images stored in the recording medium to a remote controller. This is also not taught in the description of Figure 78, indicated above. It appears more likely that the Remote Control Terminal is the remote controller; however, there is still no other teaching in the specification of a control means for transmitting a list based on image information from a recording medium (the display image list) and images stored in the recording medium to a remote controller. Thus, Hino et al. does not teach this limitation.

III. “[A] first control means ... for, when receiving control information from the remote

controller, outputting at least one of the image and image information from the recording medium to the first display means *based on the control information and the display image list* stored in the first display-image-list storage means....” (italics added for emphasis)

The Supply of Operation Screen in drawing Figure 77 is cited as teaching this limitation. Figure 77 does not teach that the Supply of Operation Screen outputs image information and images from a recording medium to a first display means based on control information and a list based on image information from a recording medium (the display image list). The description of Figure 77 in column 24, second paragraph, of the specification also contains no teaching of this limitation. Further, this limitation is not taught in any other part of the reference either. Thus, Hino et al. does not teach this limitation.

IV. “[A] second control means for making the second display-image-list storage means store the *display image list when receiving the display image list from the TV receiver....*” (italics added for emphasis)

The Network for Cellular Phone in drawing Figure 77 is cited as teaching this limitation. Figure 77 does not teach a control means in the remote controller (i.e. cell phone) which causes a list based on image information from a recording medium (the display image list) to be stored when it is received from an appliance. This limitation is also not taught in the description of Figure 77, cited above, or anywhere else in Hino et al. Thus, Hino et al. does not teach this limitation.

V. “[A] second control means ... for outputting at least one of the image and image information received from the TV receiver to the second display means *based on the control information and the display image list* stored in the second display-image-list storage means.” (italics added for emphasis)

Contents Management in drawing Figure 77 is cited as teaching this limitation. Figure 77 does not teach that a control means in the remote controller outputs images and image information based on control information and a list based on image information from a recording medium (the display image list). This is also not taught in the description of Figure 77, cited above. Thus, Hino et al. does not teach this limitation.

And so, Hino et al. does not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in claim 1. Further, Okada et al. is relied upon as teaching the use of a DVD as a recording medium. However, Okada et al. fails to teach the above-discussed deficiencies of Hino et al. Therefore, it is apparent that there is no teaching in Okada et al., or any of the prior art of record, which would cause a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify Hino et al. so as to result in or otherwise render obvious the present invention as recited in claim 1.

As for claim 4, it is patentable over the prior art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. As a result, it is submitted that that claims 1 and 4, as well as claims 2, 3, and 5-8 depending therefrom, are clearly allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels that there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

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